DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for bacteria Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) on a 4.26 miles stream segment of Little Dark Run, and 8.86 miles segment of the Robinson River in Madison County. The TMDLs for these stream impairments were completed in January 2008 and can be found in the Upper Rappahannock River Basin Report on DEQ's website at http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/apptmdls/rapprvr/urappaec.pdf.

Section 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts.

The second public meeting on the development of the IP for the bacteria TMDLs will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Madison County Volunteer Fire Company, 1223 North Main Street, Madison, Virginia. At this meeting, the draft implementation plan to restore surface water quality in Little Dark Run and the Robinson River will be presented to the public.

The 30-day public comment period on the draft implementation plan presented at this meeting will end on February 6, 2011. A fact sheet on the development of an IP for the Little Dark Run and Robinson River is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Bob Slusser with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Bob Slusser, Department of Conservation and Recreation, email address:

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